

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5191–S5241

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1790–1801. **Page S5215**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

Pages S5192–96, S5198–S5210

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, with no post-cloture time remaining.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 194), Kevin Allen Hassett, of Massachusetts, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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Messages from the House: **Page S5213**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5219–40**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S5241**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—194) **Page S5198**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINTECH LANDSCAPE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Fintech landscape, including S. 536, to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies, after receiving testimony from Lawrence L. Evans, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Eric W. Turner, S&P Global Market Intelligence, Princeton, New Jersey; and Frank Pasquale, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on oversight of fisheries management successes and challenges, after receiving testimony from Phil Faulkner, Nauticstar Boats, Amory, Mississippi; James A. Donofrio, Recreational Fishing Alliance, New Gretna, New Jersey; Chris Horton, Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association, Portland, Oregon; Peter Andrew, Jr., Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska; Gregory P. DiDomenico, Garden State Seafood Association, Cape May, New Jersey; William Cochrane II, Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders’ Alliance, Galveston, Texas; and Tony Friedrich, Granville, Maryland.

FOSTERING INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine fostering innovation, focusing on contributions of the Department of Energy's national laboratories, including S. 1799, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential, after receiving testimony from Paul Kearns, Interim Laboratory Director, Argonne National Laboratory, and Bill Tumas, Associate Lab Director, Materials and Chemical Science and Technology, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Brian J. Anderson, West Virginia University Energy Institute, Morgantown; and Anuja Ratnayake, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

HEALTH CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care, focusing on issues impacting cost and coverage, after receiving testimony from Avik S. A. Roy, The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity, Austin, Texas; Edmund F. Haislmaier, The Heritage Foundation, and Aviva Aron-Dine, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andy Slavitt, Bipartisan Policy Center, Edina, Minnesota.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), who was introduced by Senator Enzi, John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and Justin Hicks Siberell, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, all of the Department of State, and J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, De-

partment of Homeland Security, and Jonathan H. Pittman, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

STABILIZING HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state flexibility, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Salt Lake City, Utah; Allison O'Toole, MNsure, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Tarren Bragdon, The Foundation for Government Accountability, Naples, Florida; Bernard J. Tyson, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., and Hospitals, Pleasanton, California; and Tammy Tomczyk, Oliver Wyman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

U.S. COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN COLOMBIA

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine adapting United States counternarcotics efforts in Colombia, including interdiction and eradication, given the increased availability of cocaine in the United States following years of decline, after receiving testimony from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Brigadier General Joseph J. McMenemy, USMC (Ret.), Principal Director for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, Deputy Commandant for Operations, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Anthony D. Williams, Assistant Administrator, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Douglas Farah, IBI Consultants LLC, and Roger F. Noriega, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3737–3753; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 78, were introduced. **Pages H7312–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7314–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2582, to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–305);

H.R. 1624, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2A liquid assets, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–306); and

H. Res. 513, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3697) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from September 15, 2017, through September 22, 2017 (H. Rept. 15–307). **Page H7312**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lucas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7225**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7227**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program Act of 2017: H.R. 2453, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program in the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H7232–36**

Pathways to Improving Homeland Security At the Local Level Act: H.R. 2427, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to direct the Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement to produce and disseminate an annual catalog on Department of Homeland Security training, publications, programs, and services for State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies; **Pages H7236–37**

Homeland Threat Assessment Act: H.R. 2470, to require an annual homeland threat assessment; **Pages H7237–41**

Unifying Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Enterprise Act: H.R. 2468, amended, to

amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H7241–42**

Homeland Security Assessment of Terrorists Use of Virtual Currencies Act: H.R. 2433, to direct the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding terrorist use of virtual currency; **Pages H7242–43**

Department of Homeland Security Data Framework Act of 2017: H.R. 2454, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department; **Pages H7243–45**

Federal Information Resource to Strengthen Ties with State and Local Law Enforcement Act of 2017: H.R. 2442, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require an annual report on the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement; **Pages H7245–46**

Department of Homeland Security Classified Facility Inventory Act: H.R. 2443, amended, to require an inventory of all facilities certified by the Department of Homeland Security to host infrastructure or systems classified above the Secret level; **Pages H7246–47**

Terrorist Release Announcements to Counter Extremist Recidivism Act: H.R. 2471, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to share with State, local, and regional fusion centers release information from a Federal correctional facility, including name, charging date, and expected place and date of release, of certain individuals who may pose a terrorist threat; **Pages H7247–48**

Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017: H.R. 931, amended, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; and **Pages H7248–51**

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act: H.R. 2611, to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 485. **Pages H7251–53, H7287**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II: The House agreed to

discharge from committee and agree to S. Con. Res. 23, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II.

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Condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S.J. Res. 49, condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018: The House considered H.R. 3354, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 13th.

Pages H7253–77, H7277–87, H7288–91, H7291–H7310

Agreed to:

Culberson en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–297: Castro (TX) (No. 81) that increases funding for Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms; Reichert (No. 82) that adds \$10 million for competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence, which is offset by a \$10 million reduction from the general administration account for the Department of Justice; Demings (No. 84) that increases funding for the Minority

Business Development Agency by \$5 million, offset by a reduction to Department of Commerce, Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses; Courtney (No. 86) that directs the National Institute of Standards and Technology to consider establishing standards for acceptable levels of pyrrhotite in concrete aggregate, and to continue providing technical assistance to those interested in pyrrhotite detection, prevention, and mitigation tools; Lipinski (No. 88) that restores \$10.1M in funding to maintain on-site Information Technology Officers in each National Weather Service Forecast Office; Lipinski (No. 89) that restores \$1.2M in funding and eliminates the need to cut staff in the NWS National Centers for 12 Environmental Prediction or consolidate functions into the Weather Prediction Center; Bonamici (No. 90) that increases funding for ocean acidification program and decrease by same to highlight importance of program to help coastal communities; Bonamici (No. 92) that increases funding for the National Ocean Service to do coastal monitoring and assessment of harmful algal blooms; decreases funding by same; Buchanan (No. 93) that increases funding for NOAA's National Ocean Service by \$8,000,000 to detect, respond to, and develop new and innovative technologies to mitigate impacts from some of the country's most challenging Harmful Algal Blooms—red tides caused by *Karenia brevis* algae and decreases funding from Department of Commerce's Departmental Management by the same amount; Demings (No. 95) that restores funding for DOJ Youth Mentoring grants to the FY17 level (+5 million), offset by a reduction to Department of Justice, General Administration, Salaries and Expenses; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 96) that increases funds for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program by \$5 million and reduces DOJ General Administration by the same amount; Castro (TX) (No. 97) that increases funding for the Body Worn Camera Partnership Initiative; Norman (No. 98) that transfers funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ) General Administration Account to Opioid Abuse Reduction Activities; McSally (No. 99) that increases State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funding which reimburses states and localities for the costs of incarcerating unlawfully present individuals who have committed crimes in the United States by \$10 million; Issa (No. 100) that increases funding for the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program and equally decreases funding for asset forfeiture; Cohen (No. 102) that increases funding for the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) by \$4 million, offset by a \$4 million reduction to the increased amount allocated in the bill to the Drug Enforcement Administration; Brownley (No. 103) that increases funds for Veterans

Treatment Courts by \$3 million, off-set with \$3 million from DEA; Jackson Lee (No. 107) that restricts the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture or any federal agency head from providing assistance and benefits to victims of trafficking as permitted by 22 U.S.C. 7105(b) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 1464, Pub. Law 106–386), and that providing victims of trafficking access to information about their eligibility to receive SNAP benefits does not constitute the type of SNAP recruitment activities or “advertising” of the SNAP program prohibited by the bill and by Section 4018 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (Public Law No: 113–079); Cicilline (No. 110) that provides funding to provide training and resources for first responders on carrying and administering an opioid overdose reversal drug or device approved or cleared by the Food and Drug Administration, and purchasing such a drug or device for first responders to carry; and Murphy (PA) (No. 111) that increases by \$2 million grants that support community initiatives and expand mental health and drug treatment; funds facilitate collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to improve access to effective treatment for people with mental illnesses involved with the justice system; **Pages H7254–56**

McKinley amendment (No. 91 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that provides funding for the NOAA Environmental Security Computing Center to support an increase in electrical capacity and completion of the build out; **Page H7257**

Grothman amendment (No. 106 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that strikes language that currently prevents funds from being used to process applications for relief from personal firearms disabilities; **Pages H7260–61**

Pascrell amendment (No. 109 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that provides \$100 million for the COPS Hiring Program; **Pages H7262–63**

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 112 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that increases basic research in the physical and biological sciences by 0.5% of the NSF Research budget; **Page H7264**

Zeldin amendment (No. 115 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that lifts the ban on striped bass fishing in the Block Island Transit Zone between Montauk, NY and Block Island, RI; **Pages H7265–66**

Latta amendment (No. 118 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits the ATF from reclassifying the M855 ammunition as armor piercing ammunition; **Pages H7267–68**

Gaetz amendment (No. 122 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits NOAA from using funds to relocate the Southeast Fisheries Science Center located in Virginia Key, Florida; **Page H7268**

Amash amendment (No. 126 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that restricts the federal government’s use of adoptive forfeiture; **Pages H7272–73**

Roskam amendment (No. 127 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits bonuses to the Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture division of DOJ until they make decisions on the backlog of petitions of remission or mitigation on civil asset forfeiture cases; **Page H7273**

Walberg amendment (No. 129 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that limits funds to carry out Department of Justice Policy Directive 17–1, which reinstates the adoptive seizure policy and circumvents state limitations on civil asset forfeiture; **Pages H7273–74**

Raskin amendment (No. 130 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds from being used to implement Order Number 3946–2017 allowing Department of Justice components and agencies to forfeit assets seized by State or local law enforcement agencies; **Pages H7274–75**

Cole en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–297: Lee (No. 132) that increases funding for the Office of Job Corps, off-set with DOL administration funds; Bonamici (No. 140) that increases funding for Women Apprenticeships in Nontraditional Occupations Grants for local communities to provide pre-apprenticeship training; Bonamici (No. 143) that reduces Health Workforce by \$18,270,000 and increases Health Workforce by \$18,270,000 to express support for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs; Kildee (No. 144) that increases funding for programs that reduce lead exposure by \$1 million each and decreases General Departmental Management in the Office of the Secretary by the same amount; Nolan (No. 146) that increases the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases program by \$300,000 for additional Lyme Disease research, offset with a reduction to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary account; Keating (No. 147) that provides funds to support distribution of CDC tick-borne disease prevention and early detection materials in high-risk areas; Mast (No. 148) that increases the Safe Water Program under the CDC’s Environmental Health account by \$400,000 to match FY17 program requirements and continue safeguarding public health by reducing and investigating environmental threats to water systems and addressing public exposure to waterborne contaminants; DeSaulnier (No. 151) that increases National Cancer Institute (NCI) funding by \$1 million to execute a study on how to improve doctor-patient communication; Tonko (No. 153) that specifies that \$12.5 million appropriated

for the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration may be used to award competitive grants to strengthen mental health and substance use community crisis response systems as authorized in the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act; Denham (No. 157) that ensures shelters and centers that administer runaway and homeless youth grants do not face an extended gap in grant eligibility due to off-cycle appropriations from previous years; McSally (No. 159) that increases funding for the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III B supportive services account \$14.2 million; Bonamici (No. 162) that increases funding for State Assessment Grants, Title I, Part B by \$8.9 million; Bonamici (No. 163) that increases funding for Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, by \$1.15 billion and decreases by same; DeSaulnier (No. 166) that provides \$10 million in funding for Statewide Family Engagement Centers in education; Murphy (PA) (No. 177) that awards \$10 million in grants for training medical residents and fellows practicing mental health and addiction treatment in underserved and community based settings that integrate primary care with mental and substance use disorders prevention and treatment services; Sewell (AL) (No. 181) that prohibits Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds from going to a child care provider that has been complicit, due to a health and safety violation, in the death of a child in its care and remains exempt from state licensure, safety, and oversight requirements; and Griffith (No. 185) that adds \$2.734 million to the Black Lung Clinics Program in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide for a total of \$10 million, the authorized level, with this transfer offset by a reduction in HRSA's Program Management account;

Pages H7275-77

Foster amendment (No. 139 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to submit an estimate of the resources needed to model for various changes in the workforce composition because of technological displacement;

Pages H7281-82

Nolan amendment (No. 152 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that increases National Cancer Institute funding by \$3,819,000, offset with a reduction to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary account;

Pages H7285-86

Kelly amendment (No. 156 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that supports funding of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program to train pregnancy and health counselors regarding how to offer adoption as an option to women with unplanned pregnancies;

Pages H7290-91

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 179 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that provides \$10 million in grants

to develop, maintain, or enhance a database of inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, and residential community mental health and residential substance use disorder treatment facilities to address a lack of inpatient psychiatric beds;

Pages H7305-06

Burgess amendment (No. 182 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that provides \$10,000,000 to the Controlled Substance Monitoring Program, per 42 U.S.C. 280g-3; the amendment is offset by a reduction in the Office of the Secretary, General Department Management for \$10,000,000; and

Pages H7306-07

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 184 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that prohibits the use of funds in this Act to prepare for or facilitate the transfer of the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs into the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Rejected:

Rosen amendment (No. 94 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to maintain FY17 funding level for National Science Foundation's Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE);

Pages H7257-58

Serrano amendment (No. 123 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to prohibit funds in the bill for private prisons;

Pages H7268-70

Mitchell amendment (No. 133 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to reduce by 10% general administrative and departmental salary and expense accounts in Division F, and transfers the savings to the Spending Reduction Account;

Pages H7278-79

Sablan amendment (No. 136 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to transfer funds from OSHA—Salaries and Expenses-Compliance Assistance-Federal Assistance to OSHA—Salaries and Expenses-Federal Enforcement to fund a Full Time Employment position to increase OSHA enforcement presence in the Pacific as a result of recent worker fatalities and numerous injuries at construction and other work sites;

Pages H7280-81

Meng amendment (No. 141 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to increase funding for the Behavioral Health Workforce and Training program by \$5 million;

Pages H7282-83

Meng amendment (No. 142 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to increase funding for HRSA's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program by \$4 million, consistent with the current enacted level of funding, and decrease funding for the Office of the Secretary of the HHS by the same amount; and

Page H7283

Bonamici amendment (No. 158 printed in H. Rept. 115-297) that sought to increase Aging and

Disability Services by \$51,000,000 and reduces General Departmental Management by \$64,000,000 to provide additional funding for Older Americans Act Title III, parts B, C, and E nutrition programs.

Pages H7291–92

Withdrawn:

Cohen amendment (No. 101 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Legal Services Corporation by \$10 million, offset by a \$10 million reduction to the increased amount allocated in the bill to the U.S. Marshals Service;

Pages H7258–59

Cohen amendment (No. 108 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided funds for the support of Juvenile Justice;

Pages H7261–62

Tenney amendment (No. 150 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased \$10 million to Community Services Block Grants and reduced funding for Global Health by \$14 million; and

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Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 178 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided \$5 million for the creation and operation of a National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Torres amendment (No. 87 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program which is offset by a reduction in funding for the General Administration Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Justice;

Pages H7256–57

Grothman amendment (No. 105 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce the funding level for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives by five percent;

Pages H7259–60

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 113 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to strike section prohibiting the EEOC from using funds to implement pay data collection;

Pages H7264–65

Norton amendment (No. 117 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prohibit the Federal Bureau of Prisons from requiring individuals in halfway houses or on home confinement to pay a subsistence fee;

Pages H7266–67

Flores amendment (No. 124 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to state that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Executive Order No. 13547 (75 Fed. Reg. 43023, relating to the stewardship of oceans, coasts, and the Great Lakes), includ-

ing the National Ocean Policy developed under such Executive Order;

Pages H7269–70

Buck amendment (No. 125 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to require that localities receiving State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funds comply with federal immigration law;

Pages H7270–72

Kildee amendment (No. 131 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase funding for Youth Employment Activities by \$10 million and reduce Department of Labor Salaries and Expenses by the same amount;

Pages H7277–78

Pocan amendment (No. 134 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to restore funding to worker protection agencies, offset with DOL/HHS/ED program administration funds;

Pages H7279–80

Meng amendment (No. 138 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase funding for the Women's Bureau within the Department of Labor by \$1.064 million, and decrease funding by the same amount for the Bureau of Labor Statistics—Prices and Cost of Living Division;

Page H7281

Kildee amendment (No. 145 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase funding for the Healthy Start Program by \$24.8 million and decrease General Departmental Management in the Office of the Secretary by the same amount;

Pages H7283–84

Flores amendment (No. 149 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase CDC funding by \$40 million for an opioid drug overdose prevention program, increase National Cancer Institute funding by \$40 million for pediatric cancer research, increase National Institute on Aging funding by \$40 million for Alzheimer's research, decrease CMS Program Management by \$120 million;

Pages H7284–85

Clark amendment (No. 154 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to restore funding to SAMHSA's mental health programs, offset with HHS program administration funds;

Page H7286

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 155 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to support funding of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program to train pregnancy and health counselors regarding how to offer adoption as an option to women with unplanned pregnancies;

Pages H7288–90

Ben Ray Lujan (NM) amendment (No. 160 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to decrease funding for HHS General Departmental Management by \$2 million and transfer those funds to the Peer Support Programs;

Pages H7292–93

Lowey amendment (No. 161 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to restore funding to 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, offset with Department of Education program administration funds;

Pages H7293–94

Courtney amendment (No. 164 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase Funding for Magnet Schools Assistance by \$1,184,000; decrease funding for Charter School Grants by \$1,184,000;

Pages H7294–95

Lewis (MN) amendment (No. 167 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to increase funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Grants by \$70,246,000;

Pages H7295–97

Grothman amendment (No. 168 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce funding for the Department of Education’s Program Administration, Office of Inspector General, and Office of Student Aid Administration by 2%;

Pages H7297–98

Grothman amendment (No. 170 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) budget by \$99,000,000, funding the NLRB at \$150,000,000 for FY2018; the amendment would also reduce budget authority by \$99 million and reduce outlays by \$92 million;

Pages H7298–99

Meadows amendment (No. 172 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce the number of positions and funding at Mine Safety and Health Administration by 10%;

Pages H7299–H7300

Walberg amendment (No. 173 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prevent funding to implement the National Labor Relations Board’s Ambush Election rule;

Pages H7300–01

Blackburn amendment (No. 174 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to provide for a 1% across the board cut to Division F;

Pages H7301–02

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 175 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to provide \$5 million for grants that enhance infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention, and treatment programs;

Pages H7302–04

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 176 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to provide \$9 million to provide access to behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting the development and improvement of statewide or regional pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs;

Pages H7304–05

Ellison amendment (No. 186 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prohibit funds from going federal contracts with willful or repeated violators of the Fair Labor Standards Act; and

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Gibbs amendment (No. 187 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prohibit funds to implement, administer, or enforce the final regulations on “Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses”.

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H. Res. 504, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) was agreed to Thursday, September 7th.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017: H.R. 3284, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series.

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Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 49 was held at the desk. S. 416 was held at the desk. S. 327 was held at the desk. S. 444 was held at the desk. S. 462 was held at the desk. S. 484 was held at the desk. S. 488 was held at the desk. S. 102 was held at the desk. S. 1311 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Homeland Security. S. 1312 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7229 and H7277.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H7287. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AND MONETARY POLICY AT THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Relationship Between Prudential Regulation and Monetary Policy at the Federal Reserve”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SANCTIONS, DIPLOMACY, AND INFORMATION: PRESSURING NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Sanctions, Diplomacy, and Information: Pressuring North Korea”. Testimony was heard from Susan A. Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Marshall Billingslea, Assistant Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING: REGULATION AND COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Occupational Licensing: Regulation and Competition”. Testimony was heard from Maureen Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Sarah Allen, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Virginia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3668, the “SHARE Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 210, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 424, the “Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 717, the “Listing Reform Act”; H.R. 1274, the “State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; H.R. 2603, the “SAVES Act”; H.R. 3131, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”; and H.R. 3668, the “SHARE Act”.

CRIMINAL ALIEN GANG MEMBER REMOVAL ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3697, the “Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3697. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 15, 2017, through September 22, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Louisiana, Lofgren, and Jackson Lee.

VA MAIL MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF THE \$11,257 PACKAGE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “VA Mail Management: The Case of the \$11,257 Package”. Testimony was heard from John Oswalt, Executive Director for Privacy, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lori Rectanus, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

FREE DIGITAL TRADE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the dynamic gains from free digital trade for the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Daniel Griswold, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; Sean Heather, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Daniel A. Sepulveda, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nick Quade, Relay Networks Inc., Deephaven, Minnesota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine transportation innovation, focusing on automated trucks and our Nation’s highways, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine expanding and accelerating the deployment and use of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 9:55 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget’s memorandum on the Federal workforce, focusing on OMB’s ongoing government-wide reorganization, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, and S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine high risk Indian programs, focusing on progress and efforts in addressing Government Accountability Office recommendations, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, joint hearing on H.R. 3441, the “Save Local Business Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Big Relief for Small Business: Legislation Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Small Manufacturers and Other Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Modernizing FDA’s Regulation of Over-the-Counter Drugs”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 1148, the “FAST Act of 2017”; H.R. 2465, the “Steve Gleason Enduring Voices Act of 2017”; H.R. 2557, the “Prostate Cancer Misdiagnosis Elimination Act of 2017”; H.R. 3120, to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests; H.R. 3245, the “Medicare Civil and Criminal Penalties Act”; H.R. 3263, to extend the Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration program; and H.R. 3271, the “Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal to Impede North Korea’s Access to Finance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Future of Democracy and Governance in Liberia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Venezuela Crisis: The Malicious Influence of State and Criminal Actors”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Sixteen Years After 9/11: Assessing Suspicious Activity Reporting Efforts”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 210, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 424, the “Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 717, the “Listing Reform Act”; H.R. 1274, the “State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; H.R. 2603, the “SAVES Act”; H.R. 3131, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”; and H.R. 3668, the “SHARE Act”, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Secret Service Re-

cruitment and Retention Act of 2017; legislation on the Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2017; H.R. 1701, the “Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act”; H.R. 3019, the “Promoting Value Based Procurement Act of 2017”; legislation on the Reporting Use of Social Media in Clearance Investigations Act of 2017; H.R. 3071, the “Federal Acquisition Savings Act of 2017”; H.R. 2331, the “Connected Government Act”; H.R. 294, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the “Endy Ekpanya Post Office Building”; H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the “Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building”; H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the “Tilden Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the “Converse Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the “Mission Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the “Pleasanton Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the “Encinal Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office”; H.R. 1950, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Police Officer Scott Bashioum Post Office Building”; H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building”; H.R. 2302, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the “Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 2464, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office”; H.R. 2815, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”; H.R. 2873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 Glenside Avenue in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Peter Taub Post Office Building”; H.R. 3109, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the “Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building”; H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the “Harmon

Killebrew Post Office Building”; and H.R. 3369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 North Main Street in Spring Lake, North Carolina, as the “Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Serving Small Businesses: Examining the Effectiveness of HUBZone Reforms”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Economic Development Stakeholders’ Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1721, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an “American World War II City”, and for other purposes; H.R. 1900, the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act”; H.R. 3122, the “Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs me-

morial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable; H.R. 3657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries; and legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017; and a legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3729, the “Comprehensive Operations, Sustainability, and Transport Act of 2017”; H.R. 3727, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include additional telehealth services for purposes of MA organization bids, and for other purposes; H.R. 3726, the “Stark Administrative Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 2824, the “Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act”; and H.R. 2792, the “Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “IRS Reform: Resolving Taxpayer Disputes”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act, with no post-cloture time remaining.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 13

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 3354—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018. Consideration of H.R. 3697—Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act (Subject to a Rule).

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